

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 12 as follows:

Referring now to Fig. 3 a decoding device **14** has a generic decoder **16** into which a limited number of protocol descriptions A-C may be loaded. These protocol descriptions are interpreted by the generic decoder **16** during operation of the decoding device **14**. The decoding device **14** also has a specific decoder **18** which is adapted ~~to interpret~~ especially for a specific protocol X, i.e. no interpretation takes place in the specific decoder during operation of the decoding device. Coded data are supplied at an input **20** of the decoding device **14** and decoded data are provided at an output **22**.